



Senior Helping Hands

Prevention of Elder Abuse

Friends Volunteer Program

August 25, 2016

TO: Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee

RE: SJR 22 Study: Guardianship/Alzheimer's disease

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the Yellowstone Guardianship Committee, I want to extend our sincere appreciation for your work on this important bill to begin the steps to create a statewide Guardianship program.

Your commitment towards creating this bill was exhibited through bringing in national experts who shared best practices. You also listened to the needs of your constituents engaged in the daily challenges of bridging the gap for vulnerable adults who do not have family members to advocate for their decisions when they lack capacity.

We are excited and look forward to the creating of the WINGS committee who will steer the implementation of the National Guardianship Standards.

We fully support and endorse LCCF7b in the final draft submitted today.

Your work on this bill will be recognized and appreciated by all of us who work to keep the vulnerable adults safe.

Much respect,

Denise Armstrong
Yellowstone County Guardianship Committee